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SENATE BILL 358

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A MATHEMATICS CAREER INITIATIVE IN  
SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand dollars  
(\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the public  
education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for  
Dexter consolidated schools, Lake Arthur and Hagerman municipal  
schools, Hondo Valley and Artesia public schools and Roswell  
independent schools to encourage students to choose mathematics  
as a career. The schools shall contract with talented  
mathematicians that make mathematic lessons come alive through  
active participation for students in elementary and middle  
schools. The lessons shall be designed to provide practical  
strategies that enable students to improve their memory, mental

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1 capacity and flexibility in solving mathematical problems. The  
2 lessons shall be designed to increase computational speed and  
3 fluency by offering students strategies and insights into the  
4 complex world of mathematics through relational patterns and  
5 mental exercises. The mathematicians shall also provide  
6 workshops for teachers to assist them in improving their  
7 instructional practices that develop passion and enthusiasm for  
8 mathematics in order to encourage students to learn what it  
9 means to become competent mathematics learners. Any unexpended  
10 or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year  
11 2008 shall revert to the general fund.